

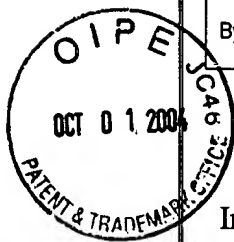
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In re application of:

Jeremy Minshull, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/920,607

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For: BIOSENSORS, REAGENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS OF DIRECTED EVOLUTION

Examiner: My Chau T. Tran

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2004, Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period of response from June 26, 2004 to September 27, 2004 (September 26, 2004 falls on a Sunday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this submission.